

REMARKS

Claims 2, 4-20, 22, 24, 25 and 27 are pending in the application. Claims 2, 6, 8, 9, 10, 12, 15, 17-19, 24 and 27 are amended, solely to change their dependency or to correct minor informalities. Claims 3, 21 and 23 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the comments and amendments herein.

I. Allowed/Objected-To Claims

Claims 2, 4, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13-20, 22 and 24-25 are allowed. Claim 21 is objected to. Claim 21 is canceled, rendering the objection moot.

II. Rejection of Claim 27 under 35 U.S.C. §112, First Paragraph

Claim 27 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph. Specifically, the Office Action (p. 2) alleges that the "structure of the various 'means for' elements is not described." Without conceding the latter, for conciseness claim 27 has been amended to recite a "computer-readable storage medium ..." and to depend upon allowed claim 2. Withdrawal of the rejection is therefore respectfully requested.

III. Rejection of Claims 3, 6, 8, 10, 12 and 23 Under 35 U.S.C. §102(b)

Claims 3, 6, 8, 10, 12 and 23 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by "A[n] Interactive Database End User Facility for the Definition and Manipulation of Forms," by A.H.F. Leander et al.

Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested. Claims 3 and 23 are canceled, rendering their rejection moot. Claims 6, 8, 10 and 12 are amended to depend on allowed claim 2, and are therefore likewise allowable for at least that reason.

CONCLUSION

The present application is believed to be in condition for allowance in view of the above comments and amendments. A prompt action to such end is earnestly solicited.

In the event any fees are due in connection with this document, the Commissioner is authorized to charge those fees to Deposit Account No. 50-1063 [MSFTP2613US].

Should the Examiner believe a telephone interview would be helpful to expedite favorable prosecution, the Examiner is invited to contact applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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